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For: LAMINATE MICROSTRUCTURE
DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MAKING
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**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEYS OF RECORD
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.36**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

I, Thomas E. Ciotti, attorney of record in the subject patent application, hereby request that the Patent Office approve this request for withdrawal from representation of the applicant of the above-identified application. The assignee has been notified of this request. This request is being made in triplicate by the requester, Thomas E. Ciotti, for himself and on behalf of all attorneys/agents of record, namely:

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This request is being made at the request of ACLARA Biosciences, Inc. A copy of the confirmation letter by the undersigned directing this change is attached.

To the best of the undersigned attorney's knowledge and belief, there are no outstanding actions in this application requiring response within the next 30 days.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 28, 2003

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Dear Rick,

As we discussed over the telephone, ACLARA has decided to take in-house all patent applications currently being prosecuted by Morrison Foerster. Could you please have the files of the following cases, and any others that you are currently handling for ACLARA, sent to ACLARA to the attention of Ms. Virginia Griffith.

Applications to be Transferred:

MOFO ref.	ACLARA ref.	Ser. No.	First Inventor	Title
42792-20015.00	019.01US	09/509,337	Bjornson	Laminate Microstructure Device and Method for Making Same
42792-20014.01	035.01US	10/147,940	Maher	Multiplexed Fluorescent Detection in Microfluidic Devices
42792-20014.20	035.02US	10/202,298	Maher	Multiplexed Fluorescent Detection in Microfluidic Devices
42792-2009-00	072.00US	09/957,579	Zhao	Integrated Microdevices for Conducting Chemical Operations
42792-2009.20	072.01US	09/939,327	Zhao	Microfluidic Chip Having Integrated Electrodes
42792-2009-40	072.01WO	PCT/US01/29307	Zhao	Microfluidic Chip Having Integrated Electrodes
42792-2001.40	097.00WO	PCT/US02/17165	Wevers	Variable Multi-Channel High voltage Power Source, With Accurate Current Sense
42792-20012.40	107.00WO	PCT/US02/21974	Polosky	Injection Molding a Flash Free Microfluidic Structure
42792-0011.40	108.00WO	PCT/US02/19494	Bjornson	Submersible Light-Directing Member for Material Excitation in Microfluidic Devices
42792-20002.40	109.00WO	PCT/US02/24663	Kao	Straightflow System
42792-20013.40	112.00WO	PCT/US02/40442	Bjornson	Photoactivation Device and Method
42792-30016.00	127.00USP	60/433,183	Wainright	Closed Loop Control of Electrokinetic Processes in Microfluidic Devices Based on Optical Readings

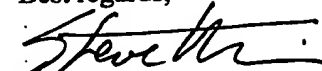
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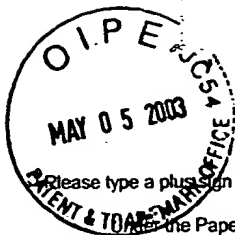
Unfortunately, like many other similarly situated companies, ACLARA is under tremendous pressure to cut costs. One of the ways that we are attempting to do this is by consolidating our microfluidics patent portfolio and handling more of the prosecution in-house.

I want to thank you for the work you have done on ACLARA's behalf. My colleagues and I have been very pleased with the quality of your work and that of Mr. Hodes.

Best regards,


Steve Macevich

cc: Ms. Virginia Griffith



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